

CPYRIGHT

Donovan 'Optimistic' on PW's

HAVANA, Oct. 9 (UPI)—An American lawyer seeking to buy freedom for 11 U.S. Cuban invasion prisoners held by Premier Castro said today he is "highly optimistic."

James B. Donovan of New York said he anticipates "an early resolution to the problem on the basis of the secret talks he has been holding with Castro."

Donovan, the man who negotiated with the Soviet Union for release of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers in exchange for Soviet spy Col Rudolf Abel, indicated a break in the negotiations might come by tomorrow at the latest.

He did not indicate whether the talks were stalled or if the terms of a final settlement were being worked out.